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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

With the smash in Macassar straits and the good blow delivered to Jap naval and air installations in the Gilbert and Marshall islands Americans can begin to take heart again in their naval and air forces in the Pacific. In Washington we note that an admiral speaks of the one-way trip the German subs are making to the Atlantic coast, which reminds us of the farmer who inserted a notice in his home town paper reading: "Anyone found near my chicken house in the night will be found there next morning"

We are not of those who feel complacent in every new report of Uncle Sam's might and prowess. But we do believe that by and large we are getting into fighting trim much faster than our adversaries did. We have seen no figures on how long Japan required to get ready for its push into China, but as a matter of fact Japan was well prepared for war, and staid that way, following the annexation of Manchuria in 1931. We know that Hitler had been getting ready for conquest for seven years before he actually invaded Poland. We have been hammering our war anvils for less than two years, and we believe our achievements, in a comparative sense, is exceptionally good. Good, either as compared to what Germany and Japan have done, or as compared with out own hasty and badly planned intervention in the first world war.

But when we consider our own potentialities, our huge natural resources, our great industrial plants and our man power, it is then we that we feel that we should have done, and can do, much better. One thing that delayed us tremendously in making a real showing immediately war was declared, is the fact that a great majority of Americans still hoped that we could avoid a shooting war. Only a few, and perhaps not even the president believed, before Pearl Harbor, that we would ever be called upon to be more than the "arsenal for democracy." But the quick, treacherous blow at our Pacific fortress, changed all that. That is only two months ago and every one that reads newspapers or listens to the radio, knows by now that Uncle Sam is putting a tremondous force into the battles east and west. What we don't know we can surmise, and if we knew all the facts we believe that most of us would be tremendously surprised that in that short period, we could have done as well.

Our effort is still hampered by public servants who never relinquish for a moment their solicitude for their own jobs. It is these faithless servants in Congress and in the administration who hamper the war effort. We note the untimely bickering of Republican and Democratic National Committee Chairmen. They but reflect the party-above-everything- else spirit that still animates most congressmen. We hope and pray that in the elections this fall the voters will do a mighty lot of purging. And we don't not care where the ax falls, whether upon the necks of Republican appeasers or of Democratic advocates of bigger and better pensions for more voters.

It is certain we cannot go forward with a major war effort while the majority in Congress is engaged in an all-out endeavor to pay bigger and more pensions and benefactions to special groups of voters. The history of this kind of thing is that beneficiaries of such benevolence will never be satisfied. If the aged now receive $40 a month, they reason that with the cost of living going up, they should receive $50 or $60 or any other sum they can press out of congress and the federal, state and county treasuries. This is true of all pensioners, in all history. The dissatisfied elements create factions among the favored groups themselves. Union labor is divided and its battles today hamper the war effort. The farmers are rapidly organizing into two hostile camps, those who get government crop subsidies and those who do not. The man who raises cabbages gets nothing, and the man who raises wheat is subsidized.

The election this fall, we believe, is going to clear away some of the dry rot and dead limbs that hamper growth and virility of the American tree of life. Fights within the pampered groups may well result in an influx of new men, Democratic or Republican, in Congress.

OH! HOW FUNNY! CLOCKS ADVANCE ONE HOUR MONDAY

The boss said:

Write a funny story about the setting of clocks one hour ahead Monday."

Now, I ask you, is there anything funny about that? Is there anything funny about the necessity of getting out of bed an hour earlier each morning?

But orders are orders, so here goes:

Alarm clocks are selling like hot cakes in local stores in preparation for the big change Monday in the routine of living.

There will no longer be a Pacific Standard Time. For the duration, it will be War Time and at 2 a. m. Monday all clocks will be advanced one hour.

It's a funny thing about Nevada City people. Very few ever before had required alarm clocks, either getting up when they desired or automatically awakening when it was time to go to work.

It is different now. That one hour will throw every one off schedule and all realize the necessity of an alarm, at least until they become accustomed to the new time.

There are those who think they must awake at 2 a. m. Monday or stay up until that time to set their clocks ahead one hour but those who utilize the use of the thing above their shoulders know all that is required is the moving of the clock ahead one hour when they retire, be it 7 o'clock Sunday night.

After reading that over I still cannot see anything funny about it, do you?

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN COOK DEATH

Suicide or accident?

That question is puzzling the authorities investigating the death of Edward Cook, 70, who was found dead in his cabin in back of the Union Hotel by Harry Stephens.

Coroner A. M. Holmes has not completed his investigation. An autopsy revealed Cook died from illuminating gas poisoning.

Investigating officers found Cooks cabin filled with gas. He was in bed with the covers pulled over him. The hose connecting the gas line with a small gas heater in the cabin was disconnected.

Deputy Sheriff Willard O'Hara is of the opinion the death was an accident. He said he was informed by a friend of the deceased that Cook was in the habit of going to bed with the gas stove turned on.

Investigating officers found two of the windows in the cabin open and it is the belief of O'Hara that had Cook intended to take his life he would have closed the windows.

Cook had been residing in Nevada City for the past six months. He lived in Grass Valley for years.

The funeral services were held at the Holmes Funeral Home in Grass Valley today.

Registration Of Aliens Held In City Hall Here

Continuing through February 9, 1942 all natives, citizens or subjects of any foreign nations which are at war with the United States, who are 14 years of age or over, and who have not fully acquired United States citizenship, are required to apply at the City Hall, Nevada City which has been designated by Postmaster Betty Martin West, as identification headquarters for certification of aliens.

Registration receipt cards issued during the registration period of 1940 must be presented upon application. Three unmounted photographs two by two inches in size on thin paper must also be presented. These photographs must be taken not more than 30 days prior to application, and must clearly show a front view of the face without a hat.

The applicant must bring an interpreter if not able to speak the English language. Hours at the City Hall will be 8 a. m. to 12 (noon) and 1:00 p. m. to 5 p. m. subject to demand. Aliens not complying with these requirements are subject to severe penalties.

Peace Officers Enjoy Address By J. J. Boree

Nevada County peace officers and their wives were given an excellent picture of the war situation by J. J. Boree, retired brigadier general in charge of the Presidio, former state adjutant general and now with the motor vehicle department, at the regular meeting of the Nevada-Sierra Peace Officers Association here.

Boree, who served under General Douglas McArthur's father in the Philippines, was able to enlighten his listeners on General McArthur's position.

The speaker said McArthur can hold the Japanese off forever providing his ammunition held out. Boree praised McArthur's ability as a military strategist. McArthur realizes the workings of the Japanese military minds and is able to keep one jump ahead of them. Boree explained that Oriental military strategists' minds work just the opposite from the white race. He said that generally the military moves of the whites can be figured out but that the Orientals do just the opposite of what is expected of them.

Boree complimented the local peace officers on their hospitality. He was well pleased with the reception accorded him here. The speaker was accompanied to this city by his wife and son.

The meeting, which was attended by 58 persons, was presided over by President Clarence Main.

The association endorsed a home defense plan outlined by Sheriff C. J. Tobiassen.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT INTERESTED IN NEW POSTOFFICE LOCATION

W. B. Mouser, United States Postoffice inspector with offices in Oakland, has written to H. F. Sofge, local Chamber of Commerce secretary, asking whether the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which hopes to have a Memorial Building here, was in a position to submit a proposal for post office headquarters here.

The letter read:

"On December 2, 1941, you wrote me, stating that the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Nevada City were contemplating asking the Board of Supervisors to finance a Memorial Building, and you wanted to know if it was too late to put in a bid, etc. I believe that I answered your letter advising you of the status of the matter.

Kindly advise me, using the enclosed official envelope, which will not require postage, whether any further action has been taken by the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Board of Supervisors. I have other proposals ready to go in now, with time limits set upon them, so will appreciate an early reply as to whether or not the Veterans of Foreign Wars will actually be financed and ready to submit a proposal for post office quarters within the next ten days."

Sofge wrote Mouser that the Board of Supervisors had taken no action on the Veterans Building, but asked the veterans to discuss the matter with them when the budget is drawn up for the 1942-43 fiscal year.

It was indicated from Mouser's letter that other bids for the postoffice here have been received by the government and that possibly the postoffice site may be changed.

EAGLES TO PLAY IN SACRAMENTO

The Richfield Eagles basketball team of this city will play the Sacramento Junior College Reserves in Sacrmento tomorrow night.

The game will be a preliminary to the Yuba-Sacramento Junior College battle and the Mather Field and Chico State College game.

The Eagles have strengthened with the addition of Eric Beckeridge and Bob Jenkins.

In Happy Camp—

Bill Moulton is one of the Nevada City miners now employed by the Newmont Mining Corporation at Happy Camp. Mrs. Moulton and the two Moulten children will join him later.

Work Scheduled To Start Middle Of March On 34,000-Man Army Camp In Nevada, Yuba Counties

(FROM THE MARYSVILLE APPEAL-DEMOCRAT)

Construction of the army cantonment in Yuba and Nevada Counties to shelter and train a triangular division of 34,000 officers and men will be under way by the middle of March.

Bids for the huge construction job are to be called for as soon as possible and will be opened, probably at the office of the District U. S. Army Engineer in Sacramento early in March. Actual building operation is expected to start immediately thereafter.

Thus one of the largest troop training centers in the west will be available for its influx of soldiers in the early fall. This military population, made possible by the army's current expansion program, is to include all the modern components of the triangular division, in addition to the usual corps troops. That the division will be equipped with some of the army's heaviest artillery has been indicated and, in addition, it may have one or more of the newest defensve units designed to meet the demands of modern warfare.

These statements, while lacking official release, apparently under rules of silence imposed upon army spokesmen, were given complete authenticity on Monday by numerous official moves aimed at the great job of converting some 69,000 acres of Yuba and Nevada County land into a great army training center.

The first definitely dated gesture into the actual construction plan was a call for bids on 60,000,000 feet of lumber for the project. These bids will be opened at Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, when a number of Northern California mills will be represented.

The general construction, contract is to be let as one job, according to reliable indications. The bids will be submitted on the basis of the government furnishing the lumber and much additional building material and equipment, such as heating devices, boilers and the like.

In the meantime work will be ordered, it is expected, on access roads, railway spurs, public utility services and other items essential to starting construction of buildings. The road building job will be apart from the army's responsibility and probably will be handled, as indicated in the cantonment plans, by the U. S. Bureau of Roads. First of the buildings to rise undoubtedly will be office structures for the contractor and the area engineer.

Army administrative officers under Col. R. C. Hunter, the district U. S. army engineer at Sacramento, will be continued in Marysville under command of Captain Franklin W. Fish, who will be charged with complete supervision over the project as planned under his direction during the last several months.

A preliminary move of prime importance will be the acquisition of the private lands involved. Residents in the area of the cantonment will be notified at once of the plan so that they will suffer the least possible inconvenience in adapting themselves and their activities to the program. All possible time will be allowed the few residents affected to vacate and remove their possessions. Complete removal of a number of ranch homes and other buildings will be required by the plans. It is probable that construction will avoid the site of the Erle school until the present term is completed.

Information heretofore provided by official sources indicated that 5,000 or more workmen will be employed during the construction period.

Assurances of early action on the cantonment spurred Marysville and Yuba Counties to the enactment of ordinances to control trailer house colonies expected to house many of these workers.

Interested contractors have indicated that the cantonment can be made ready for its purpose about as soon as if work had been started much earlier under the handicaps of the season. As it is, the construction period is assured mostly fair weather and much greater speed. To complete the job so that troops may be brought in by fall it may be necessary to work at least two shifts on the building operations.

MR. AND MRS. TOM FLYNN WILL LEAVE FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Tom and Betty Flynn are preparing to leave for the bay area, where both will be employed. Betty at the present time is employed at the Sweet Shop here and Flynn is a miner at the New Brunswick.

A Letter To The Editor

Editor of The Nugget.

Dear Sir:

These are times when the actions of every real American should be an inspiration to his neighbor and a sense of keen satisfaction to himself who has performed his full duty unselfishly in the preservation of the defense of our country.

We have witnessed the heart-breaking scene of the parting of mothers and fathers with their sons who have been drafted. They have made many sacrifices to rear and educate them and through no fault of theirs regardless of their plans, hopes and teachings, have this still greater sacrifice on the altar of country to be made. The boys who are drafted while young, view this war in the nature of a great adventure and should have aught but acts of patriotism and unselfishness in our national life to inspire them.

I wonder if the American draftee will view the action of Congress in voting themselves pensions an act of unselfish devotion to the country.

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F. G. FINNEGAN SELECTED DRAFT BOARD MEMBER

Frank G. Finnegan, attorney of this city, has been named by Governor Culbert Olson, to succeed R. L. Bigelow, on the Nevada County Selective Service board, Bigelow resigned from the board when he went to Pacific Grove to reside. The board now consists of James Tyrrell, chairman, John J. Looser, Dr. Walter Hawkins, Harley M. Leete and Frank G. Finnegan.

The next group of selectees will leave Nevada City for training camp on February 10. In this group are Russell Barrett Speed, James Curtiss, Budd Lee Russell, Emmet Moore Costello (volunteer), James William Brown, Kenneth Neil Adams, Tony Francis Rom and Karl Kendall Kielhofer.

Alvin Walthers Succeeds R. W. Rodda As Head Of County Hospital Here

The board of supervisors Tuesday accepted he resignation of R. W. Rodda as superintendent of the Nevada County Hospital.

For the past month Rodda has been in Oregon in the interest of his health.

Named to succeed Rodda is Alvin Walthers, who was appointed as temporary superintendent on January 3rd.

The supervisors accepted the resignation of Rodda with regret.

TO ATTEND MEETING

Secretaries of Chambers of Commerce throughout Northern California will meet in Sacramento tomorrow morning.

H. F. Sofge, local chamber secretary, will attend the meeting.

Caught in the Riffles

There are happenings of interest which as a general rule cannot be incorporated into stories for the regular news columns. The Nugget with this issue is establishing what you might cal a gossip column to bring to its readers interesting tid-bits which may otherwise escape public attention. Caught in the Riffles seems to be appropriate inasmuch as it carries out the mining theme and the name of the paper.

You may not have heard—but we have—that both County Treasurer Frank Steel and County Assessor John Hammill will not be candidates to succeed themselves this year.

That will throw open two of the most desirable county offices and already it is reported Eben K. Smart of Grass Valley will be a candidate for one of them—probably assessor.

Did you know there will be a city council election before long? Apparently most every one has forgotten because so far there has been no candidates to announce themselves. The terms of Mayor Ben Hall and Vice-Mayor Robert Nye expire.

A certain automobile driver in Nevada City would have a red face if he knew that someone saw him smack his car into the street sign in front of the bank while parking Tuesday night. This said driver immediatel after committing the faux pas sped away, hoping no one had seen him.

Did the 90 some odd Nevada County miners who left employment here to take $300 a month jobs in the Hawaiian Islands step into some thing?

The men signed with the provision their pay would not start until they actually embarked. So far they have been in San Francisco ten days and havn't embarked yet. It is true they all receive $5 per day for expenses while cooling their heels in San Francisco but with hotel and food requirements that amount certainly cannot feed the families many left behind here.

Some of the wives have visited their husbands in San Francisco. They returned with the news that no one knows when the miners will leave. It was reported some of the miners are willing to pay good money to have someone take over their contract but of course that cannot be done. They all signed a year's contract and it is probable they will be held in the islands at least until their services are no longer needed or the war comes to an end.

Schicklegruber will have many things to settle for, when the final accounting is made, but the strangest of these will be an item of one glass fruit bowl. A Gold Run family while listening to his rantings over short wave the other evening, reports that a glass bowl, standing on a side table near the radio, suddenly broke into three pieces—a bull in a China shop evidently has nothing on the brand of "bull" the Paperhanger can give out.

The friends of Bill Wright join with him in the hope Pepper, a dog who has well earned the title of man's best friend, will recover from the injries incurred when struck by an automobile here. Bill took Pepper to a dog hospital in Loomis. Pepper has no broken bones but his kidneys were badly injured.

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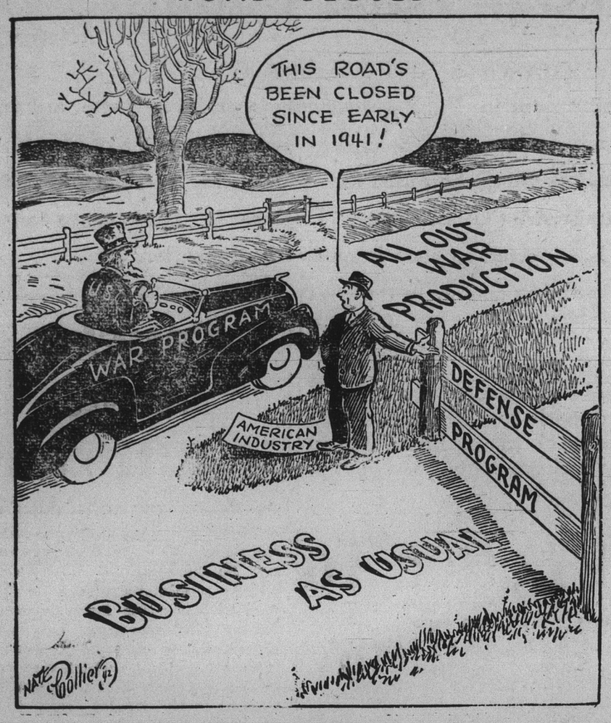

P. G. AND E. STARTED HERE 91 YEARS AGO

The Sacramento Bee celebrated its 85th anniversary Tuesday. The 108 page edition issued by The Bee in honor of the occasion carried many articles and photographs which had a direct link with Nevada City's historic past.

To local residents one of the most interesting portions of the edition was an advertisement of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The ad contained a picture of the first known office of the power company near Nevada City.

The picture was entitled:

"Ninety One Years Ago.

"Gold Rush Miners Laid the Foundations of Today's Hydro Electric System."

The following description of the early history of the power company was then given:

"Strange as it may seem, the first known office of what is now the Pacific Gas and Electric Company was established near Nevada City in 1850, when the foothills of the Sierra were crowded with gold seekers and electric service was unthought of.

"It was housed in a rough log cabin on the hillsides. Over the door a sign read: 'Coyote and Deer Creek Water Company.' This was the earliest of the 420 companies of all kinds which have been merged in the corporate structure of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

"The little ditch company, established to provide the placer mines with water, was combined with other water organizations. Finally it became a part of the South Yuba Water Company's system.

"Then along came the pioneers in the development of hydro electric power. They took over the flumes and canals of the South Yuba water system. Its ditches and reservoirs were converted to the uses of electric power generation and agriculture. Instead of supplying water for sluice boxes they served, first, the powehhouses built in the Sierra so that the people of northern and central California might have the benefits of electric service, and then the farms and orchards of the valleys where irrigation multiplies production.

"Building of the P. G. and E. system was beset with obstacles and difficulties. There were countless disappointments and setbacks. Facilities and organization of today were brought to their present state of high efficiency by the sweat of tens of thousands of workers—by the investment of hundreds of millions of dollars.

"And so today we find the lines of the P. G. and E. supplying the entire Sacramento Valley with electricity—light, power and heat for the needs of town and country and for the purposes of defense—power for the production of war time supplies of food, power for war time manufactures, power for the operation of Sacramento's air base and air fields and other vital military establishments. Thus did the bearded pioneers of '49 build better than they knew."

The Sacramento Bee was founded six years after the P. G. and E.'s small beginning as Coyote and Deer Creek Water Company here. Down through the years both have served the public well in their own lines.

It seems ironical that these two pioneer businesses, whose interests are in the same area, should be so bitterly aligned against each other.

The Bee's foremost policy is public ownership of utilities. The will of the late C. K. McClatchy, who succeeded his father, James McClatchy, as editor of The Bee in 1883 and served in that capacity until his death in 1936, read:

"One fundamental issue will never change and that is the vital issue of government ownership. I want the McClatchy Newspapers to battle for that principle at any and all times no matter against what odds."

And so the battle continues. But without doubt each has admiration for the other.

Church Notes

—Catholic Church

Two masses will be celebrated Sunday at the St. Canice Catholic Church. The first mass will be at 8 a. m. and the second at 10:30 a. m. Father Patrick O'Rielly and Father Edward Williams will conduct the services.

—Methodist Church

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. The preaching service at 11 a. m. Organ prelude, Barbara Warren. Introit choir, Anthem, choir. Semon: The first of a series of sermons on the Bible. Rev. David Ralston. Closing hymn and prayer. Benediction. The Youth Fellowship Meeting in combination with the church service at 6:30. Don Raney will show some fine moving pictures on the entire Bible. Weather permitting services will be held in North San Juan Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. The Gospel team will assist the pastor.

Week events: Tuesday 7:30 p. m. prayer and bible study hour in the parsonage. Wednesday 1 p. m. the Women's Society of Christian Service will entertain the ladies of the Grass Valley society. Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Friday 7:30 p. m. Young people's prayer service.

—Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday School at 9:45. Morning prayer with sermon at 11. Cedric S. Porter, minister. Mrs. Carl Libbey, choir director. Mrs. Fred Anderson, organist.

—Christian Science Society

The Christian Science Society in Nevada City holds service at 114 Boulder Street every Sunday 11 a. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. A testimonial meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.

"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday, February 8, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The Golden Text will be: "I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God."

SCOUTS HONOR 32D BIRTHDAY WEEK FEB. 6-12

For ten million men and boys in America his week, February 6 to 12, is an anniversary. Thirty two years ago the Boy Scouts of America was founded. The groups of twelve to fifteen year olds who rallied to the Scout banner during that first year was small. But each year saw more and more boys being touched by the Scout Oath and Law.

The first year a scattered few Scouts—61,495 all told—had the advantage of Scouting. But by 1915 almost a half million boys had enjoyed the great game of Scouting—262,043 were active and a slightly smaller group had "graduated" as it were.

The growth of the Boy Scouts of America has been steady ever since. Each year more boys came within influence of Scouting. Naturally many boys joined the ever increasing number of young men who had been Scouts. And because they had been Scouts they were better citizens. This number continues to grow until today ten million men and boys represent the circle of direct influence of Scouting.

Thus it is that not only are the million and a half active Boy Scouts and Scouters celebrating the thirty-second birthday of Scouting, but the eight and one half million alumni of Scouting also have a claim in the birthday festivities.

Most former Scouts still hold with the Scout Oath and Law, and hope their own sons also will say:

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PENSION LIST SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN IN COUNTY

Reversal of the previously healthy downward trend in the number of persons dependent on the four types of state and county relief in California, aid to county indigents, needy aged, needy blind, and dependent children, is revealed in state wide December relief statistics, California Taxpayers association stated today. Low point was reached in November wich 269,426 persons receiving these aids throughout California. In December, the total jumped to 273,007.

Greatest increase was found in the number o persons on county indigent aid, which went from 63,986 in November to 67,098 in December, the association said. Needy aged cases throughout the state went up from 158,402 to 158,723, needy blind only from 7,279 to 7,187 and dependent children from 39,749 to 39,899. Data on the number of persons receiving the strictly federal types of aid, the WPA, CCC, NYA, and FSA for November and December are not available.

Contrary to the state wide trend, the number of persons receiving the county indgient aid in Nevada county showed only a small increase between November and December, going from 116 persons aided in November of 117 in December, the association found.

In addition to the 117 persons receiving indigent aid in the county during December 502 received aid to the needy aged, 21 aid to the needy blind, and 165 aid to dependent chidren.

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COST PER PUPIL INCREASES IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Current expenditures of the Nevada City Unified elementary school district averaged $79.45 per pupil in average daily attendance in 1940-41, compared with $72.21 the year before, a study of costs of 209 larger elementary school districts in California, just completed by California Taxpayers association shows.

Average daily attendance of the district in 1940-41 was 453 the association found.

Comparing the current expenditures per pupil by the district with the medium or average expenditure of districts of similar size, the association stated that while the district spent $79.45 per pupil for total current expenditures in 1940-41, median expenditures for districts in the same size group amounted to $79.45 per pupil. Current expenditures per pupil for similar size school ranged from a low of $59.82 to a high of $137.56.

Teachers' salaries in the district accounted for $50.08 per pupil in 1940-41 the association found. Median expenditures for similar size districts for teachers salaries amounted to $53.97 menimum was $39.48, and maximum $79.21.

Expenditures for auxiliary agencies by the district averaged $5.58 per pupil, with the median for other districts in this size group $4.99 per pupil the minimum 28 cents and the maximum $16.48, the association stated. Expenditures under this heading include a number of services such as pupil transportations, civic center activities, cafeteria, and nursing services, the association stated.

Magnesium, vital war metal, is being produced from sea water. One cubic mile of water provides 90,000,000 pounds of metal.

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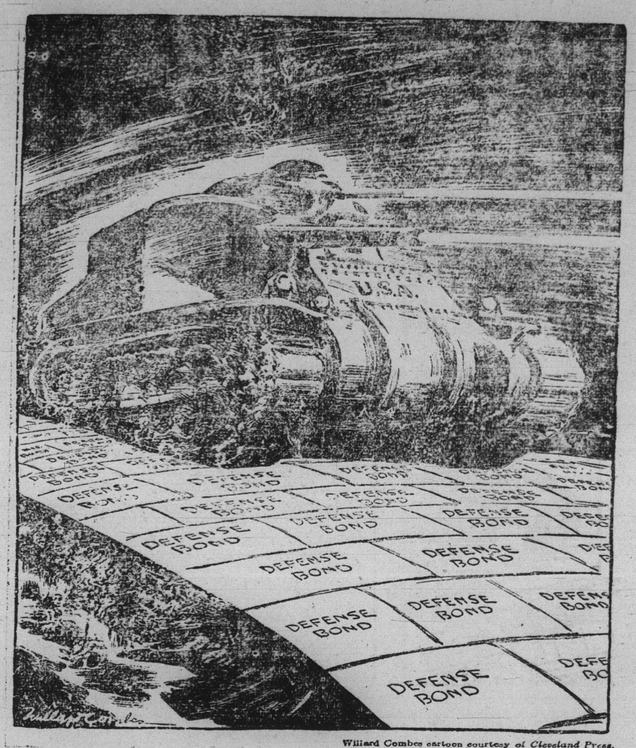

Willard Combes cartoon courtesy of Cleveland Press.

Rats Present Real Danger In Wartime

LA JOLLA, Feb. 5.—To most Americans, human enemies across the seas appear most real, but to those who would fight and cannot get into the armed forces, it will be well to remember that within the United States there is a most potent and dangerous enemy that may take thousands of lives—the rat.

This is the admonition given by Dr. Claude E. ZoBell, assistant to the director of the University of California Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dr. ZoBell gives the warning particularly to physicians, nurses and public health workers.

"Bubonic plague is transmitted to man by the flea with rats, ground squirrels and numerous other rodents serving as reservoirs of the infection. An extensive fire, a major earthquake, a series of bombings or other catastrophic happenings which might disrupt the present tranquility of the rodent population may make it necessary for the fleas with which the rats are infested to find a new host. If the new host happens to be man, an outbreak of plague may result with explosive suddenness. The incubation of plague is short and the rate of mortality is high. After the disease strikes there is little time to think of preventive measures or therapeutic procedure. The chief defense is the destruction of the rat and his relatives," declares the University bacteriologist.

An organized campaign to eradicate the rodent population by ratproofing buildings, poisoning, trapping, shooting, starving and fumigation is indicated, Dr. ZoBell believes.

Leave For Happy Camp—

Mrs. Carribean Orzalli and daughter have left for Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, where Orzalli is now employed at the Gray Eagle Mine.

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 4209
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS H. LONG, also known as Tom Long, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned MARGARET C. KELLY as administratrix of the estate of Thomas H. Long, alias Tom Long, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Thomas H. Long, alias Tom Long, Deceased.

Dated January 12th 1942.

MARGARET C. KELLY,
Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas H. Long, alias Tom Long, Deceased.
FRANK G. FNNEGAN, Attorney for Administratrix.
First Publication January 15, 1942.
Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5.

No. 4211
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of OLGA KOPP, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Karl Kopp, as executor of the last will and testament of Olga Kopp, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to the said executor at law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, Nevada County, California, the same being his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Olga Kopp, Deceased.

KARL KOPP,
Executor of the last will and testament of Olga Kopp, Deceased.
FRANK G. FINNEGAN, Attorney for Executor.
First publication January 22, 1942.
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"Your Income Tax" Will Be Topic Of Business Forum

Your income tax—what will it be? What can you deduct? These and many other phases in connection with the new income tax schedules will be the subjects to be given detailed attention at the meeting of the Business Forum meeting tomorrow night.

An approach from a simple and practical viewpoint will be made, and it will be possible to present individual problems and questions for consideration and discussion.

"Every unmarried person," stated Frank Emery Cox, the director of the meetings, "who has an income of $15 per week or more for the year of 1941 will have to make a return regardless of whether he has exemptions which will eliminate his necessity for paying any tax. In the case of married people, if the joint income is more than $29 per week a return has to be filed even though no tax will be payable. It is estimated that 23,000,0000 citizens will be required to file returns this year. This is 50% more than last year. Many of these individuals are unfamiliar with the forms. Employers are being deluged with reqests by their employees for information as to how to make out the returns. They want to know what to include in income and what can be legally deducted. This forthcoming meeting will furnish an opportunity for obtaining this data."

The effect on the merchants of the increased tax rate will be outlined; the effect on our trend toward inflation will be explained; the increased problems for the retailer as purchasing power is reduced will be discussed.

No one who is in business where merchandise or service are dispensed can afford to miss his opportunity to clear troublesome questions which confront him.

The meeting will start at 7:30 and will be held in the usual place, Auditorium of the Elementary School. There is no fee or cost connected with attendance. This next meeting will be the fifth in the series of six. They are presented through the facilities of the Nevada City Evening School and the Business Bureau of the California State Department of Education through the provisions of the George-Deen Distributive Education Act.

CHMA MEETS FEBRUARY 8

The California Hydraulic Mining Association will hold a meeting at the Bret Harte Inn on February 8. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock, the business session will begin at 2 o'clock. Motion pictures of the famous Homestake Mine in South Dakota will be shown. It will show the entire operation of the mine. The Homstake is the largest producer in the United States.

California Chapter American Mining Congress

The California Chapter of the American Mining Congress was completed on January 17. Officials of the California Chapter are: Worthen Bradley, Bradley Mining Company, president; Russell Mumford, American Potash and Chemical Corporation, vice president; Roy E. Tremoureaux, U. S. Lime Products, vice-president; and Albert F. Knorp, secretary-treasurer. Members of the executive committee are: C. C. Prior, Central Eureka Mining Company; Wm. C. Browning, Golden Queen Mining Company; F. C. Van Deinse, Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields; A. B. Campbell, Pacific Coast Borax Company; F. W. Nobs, Empire Star Mines, Ltd.; E. B. DeGolia, Gold Hill Dredging Company; Senator Thomas McCormack, Natomas Company and Roy W. Moore, Cactus Queen Mining Company. The new association, incorporating the largest list of mines ever brought together in California, will cooperate closely with existing mining associations and that cooperation is one of the prime motives behind the California Chapter. —Mining and Contracting Review.

Sierra County Court Decision Reversed By State Supreme Court

A Sierra County Superior Court decision against Marie E. Wright, who had sued for an injunction against C. L. Best to halt him from dumping mining tailings into Rock Creek, which runs through her ranch was reversed by the state supreme court.

Best owns the Ruby Mine, and the plaintiff charged that pollution and debris from his operations damaged her flume and ditch workings on the creek. The superior court had held she had appropriated right to the water.

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Other members of the vestry are: Leland Smith, G. E. Mitchell, Arthur Innis, Carl Libbey, H. S. Foreman and C. E. LaBoyteaux.

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The drive will close February 12, after which the books will be packed and sent to a central depot, not yet designated and from there be distributed to the army camps and the ships.

Any one who wishes to contribute books, and has not yet done so, please get them to the library before February 12.

MRS. IVA WILLIAMSON.

LETTER TO EDITOR
(Continued from Page One)

And when they estimate the spread between their monthly paychecks, what can they be expected to do when they come home after the war and vote.

Politicians have seized a time when they must have unity and have greater problems to solve and they are fully aware of the fact that we are mentally too lazy to think and act individually. We are derelect. We have never had to recite fervently and out of the depths of our souls "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" never having been as hungry as the peoples where this prayer originated.

When the framers of our constitution, after several months deliberation, were unable to agree, Benjamin Franklin spoke as follows:

"Let us forget for the time our infallibility and adopt this instrument. While it is not what I want (he wanted only one house and no pay) I am not prepared to say I am wrong. It provides for a minimum of interference on the part of the federal government guarantees life and liberty of its citizens and will provide the most enlightened government that any people have ever had and will continue to do so until we become so decadent and corrupt as to destroy it."

This has been the past history of democracy. For years if you wished to run for an elective office, you complied with the law that enabled you to be nominated and your name went on the ballot in alphabethical order. The politicians recently passed a law if you were an incumbent, regardless of your name, you were on the top of the ballot with incumbent added.

This is supposed to give them some advantage. At the last city election held in San Francisco, a slogan was passed around "Forget the first five," who were incumbents. When the votes were counted, four were forgotten and the fifth almost.

We should do likewise and adopt a slogan "Forget the incumbents" with the proviso that the newly elected would repeal said law providing the president sign it. If we installed a system of no salary for our legislators, traveling and living expenses only, we would eliminate the second class lawyers and such from our political life. Retired businessmen would seek office only for the honor and satisfaction of a job well done. This might solve some of our troubles. It has been done in other countries.

How many citizens know that at the last special session of congress called after the first of January when the regular session was still convening on March 4th, Congress voted themselves mileage and many of them never left Washington. California representatives could collect about $1200. Just how many took this money we do not know but we should know this and would if we were not so mentally lazy. If $1 was taken directly from us we would cry to high heaven.

A local officeholder who had collected such money would be called before the grand jury and made to refund the money and he would escape indictment only if he had good friends on the jury. Let us beware and aproach the solution of our problems, both local, national and foreign with grim determination and deadly earnestness. May I ask why have the Washington correspondents or commentators never mentioned this matter. Are they on the payroll or are they afraid of not being invited to press conferences or in a measure ostracized?

Or am I out of step with the new world and wandering in the wilderness? Please direct me to the broad highway that all real Americans should at this time be travelling.

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